Bloquent Speech of Hon. John A Bingham, of Ohio.

Triumphant Vindication of the Congressional Plan of Reconstruction !!

Masterly, Defense of the Amendment to the Constitution !!!

The assemblage that gathered in the Court House Saturday night to greet Hon. John A. Binghum, the recently re-elected member of Congress from of Ohio was in all respects the most imposing that has assembled in that ancient tem-ple of justice during the present cum-The hall was decorated with d and service-stained flags of several of the West Virgina regiments with National banners, and with Chinese lanterns, hung round the gal-

leries, and was jammed from end to end, above and below. A large number of ladles were present, and added their charms to the attractions of the occa-sion. Out doors, the front of the Court House was hung with Chinese lanterns, and the neighborhood was lighted up with a brilliant display of fireworks while Vans' band lent the attractions of excellent music to draw the people to-

When Mr. Bingham made his appear ance in the Court House, a thrill of appliance ran through the crowd, and by a sort of sympathy concentrated in rounds of cheers when he came forward on the stand.

The meeting had been organized by appointing Lott H. Joy, Esq., President

and Mr. William Phillips, Secretary.

Mr. Bingham came forward, amid thrilling cheers, and being introduced to the vast assemblage, said: Ladies and Gentlemen :

I am very grateful to you for this very attering reception to night, and only ppear before you now because I am appear before your now because 1 am a American citizen, in common with yourselves; because I cknow that we have a last but one country, one Constitution, and one destiny. Every rood of this grand land of curs, from ocean toocean, is a part of the land of the

And therefore it is that I am willing, And therefore it is that I am willing upon all occusions, to hold counsel with my fellow citizens touching the security of American institutions, without which this great berlinge of ours, the like of which never before owned the sway of a common government since battons cause to be upon the earth—would be as mothing. T that it is a grand and beautiful age, with its grandeur of moungh, to furnish ou know, in the gray of the om the 12th day of April, 1861, ring of that gun of treason flag which floated above the our doomed Port Sumter; and

se.] In that hour every ca supposed that the end. Every man-in

as in Richmond; as well known in ne as it was in South Carolina; as kafora in Worth Carolim or Alsbana; and the evidence of it remains to this day, unpublished to be sure, in the possession of the officers of this governent, that months before your President fell by an assassin's hand in the Capital, the boast was made in Ohlo, the boast was mide in Maine, the boast was m wasmade in Maryland, that on the 15th day of April, 1865, Abraham Lincoln would no longer be President of the Republic

Republic.
These men were not gifted with the visions of the seer. They came by the knowledge of that fact in advance, in the ordinary way. They were in possession of it, because they were in the combination and in the complicacy to plunge this country into anarchy, by plunge this country into anarchy, by murdering not only your trusted and faithful President—the man who could never forget the obligation of his oath, who in his simple words reminded the people that it was registered in heaven and he must keep it, on the peril of his soul. Therefore, he must die. The man who led your army, in a blaze of fire through that remarkable battle of the Wilderness, and compelled the surrender of tregson behind its intrenchments at Richmond, was also doomed to die. The lion-hearted minister of the Wilderness, and compelled the sur-render of treason behind its intrench-ments at Richtnond, was also doomed to die. The lion-hearted minister of war, who had proved himself not sec-ond but first amongst all the men who eyer held that position in suy, time of in any country or in any age, Tre-mendous cheers, was doomed by the conspirators. And that old man, older than his years—and of him I never speak but in a spirit of kind-ness—the great Premier of the Re-public, who conducted its foreign ost unprecedented skill was also doomed to die on that night of murder, because in the eyent of a yasenncy in the offices of President and Vice President of the United States, William H. Seward, the Secretary of State, was the only human being on this globe clothed by the law with the authority to order a special election by the people, to fill the vacancy.

You know what progress was made by these hired assassins, who throughed

by these hired assassins, who througed the streets of your Capital; and you know the occasion on which they convened for the purpose of enacting the first act in this last drama of treason against the life of the Republic. It was on the 14th day of April, 1865, a day memorable in the history of the republic in this, that it was the convenience of the republishing the republishing the convenience of the republishing the memorable in the history of the repub-lic in this, that it was the very day on which treason fired its first gan against which treason fired its first gun against, your flag in the year, 1861 in the waters of Charleston harbon, and it was on the same day upon which your banner of glory and beauty was raised again in triumph over the blackened and broken walls of that fort, the day when the whole Jand was filled with rejoicing; when the habitations of when the habitations of ple everywhere, from ocean to ocean, blazed with illumination over ountriumph of arms; when millions of hands were lifted everywhere in thanksgiving to God, who holds the destinies of nations in the hollow of, his hand, that he had saved the ropub-lic alive, and growned its arms, with a brilliant and enduring victory. Treason selected the 14th of April, 1265, in which to achieve its second trimph over the interests of the republic, and rover the interests of every man and over the interests of every man and woman and child in the Republic. As I said before the streets of Wash-ington were througed with these men, who were hired to do this work of as-

ation, yet, in the language orld, that proved so complete a fall ire." Never! Of all their victim hat were doomed to death, none per that were doomed to death, none ished by their hands save that match ished by their hands save that match had been noble man. Abrahur ished by their mans save that maculess, peerfess, noble man, Abraham Lincoln. [Applause.] And. he was only permitted to die upon that night of marder because he had dinished the work which God had given him to do. As Commander-in-Chief of the armite

party whatever demagogue may fall in his aspirations for place or power. Let the country at least have a party, after the ascrifice that has been made for its maintenance. Let Democrats in this struggle imitate the example of Demo-crats who through the armed, conflict for the life of the nation, ceased to be for the life of the nation, ceased to be Democrats for the time being, in this, that they are above and beyond Democrats—they are periods. ["Good," and immense applause.] And let Republicans, too, initate the example set by Republicans through the four years of unmaraned and un-

The thunder that comes across the mountains, that Maine sends up none but 'Union men, [Applause, and 'that's the 'way we'll do."] That is the way yeu ought to do. [Applause.] She senda them back by amajority of thirty thousand. On last Tuesday the struggle came in the great States of Penps ylania, Olio, Indiana and Iowa; and has not the lightning been gifted with a tongue to tell it from ocean to ocean that Pennsylvania sends

And now with such a record as this t calling itself Democratic, hope complish in this gatlant, glorious young State of West Virginia? [Cheers.] But I do not forget it to night, I know how it touched the hearts of the people everywhere in this land, when the new came, that this young State of West Virginia, that kept guard over the in

WHEELING, WEST VA. MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15, 1866. repeating these words of Washington, I throw them all into one, and say here without the least fear of contradiction in the hereafter, when the pongue which middresses you to-night shall be still in death, these property the past, be one or be nothing only hope of the Republic is corded time by that banner of be in defense of which they laid down lives. [Applause.] Some inter-say, why surely such an issue as the not pending before the American pe

tated it to-night. I know they have hosen rather to use words to conceal heir real purposes, I do not intend hat they shall conceal their purposes, se] by the use of any formu

A devi's purpose with an angel's aloo, asking, the people to sustain them in accomplishing what the people through four years of such trial and peril and antiering as no people endured ever before since God made the world, de-

rowling as if reft of and said, I ratify;

They will unratify it. Well, we do not propose just now to let them in on that score. [Applause.]

Why, democracy has been made as "odious" as treason in this country, and has got ashamed of the name. [A volce—"as it should be, "I yes, just as it should be. There is just about as much democracy about these rellows as "christianity about the devil. [Cheers.] I have seen it in Ohio posted on the trees in the woods, and on the doors, that on such a day, and at such a place, there was to be a "grand mass meeting," to ratify the policy of mine which shall blow up the bulwarks and securities of this people. Well, we lon't propose they shall radify, very auddenly, any policy of that sort.

conditions whatever, in the House tepresentatives in the Congress of United States? Now you propose atify Johnson, do you? You are og with him "around the circle."

never were in the fundamental law of any people on this earth,—that here-sider no State in this Union shall deny to any person within its jurisdiction, the equal-protection of the laws. [Ap-plause.] There is no doubt the doma-nant majority of South Carolina, every one of whom was engaged it this armed rebellion. Will olve themselves.

And the Regular Character of the control of the con

State in the Union—to New York, with otherholds he bonds of that disorgan